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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **De-Icing Composition and Method**
Inventor: BYTNAR, Stephen C.
Our Ref: 1533.6310004/PAJ/MGP

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. List of Documents cited on Form PTO-1449 (5 pages);
3. A copy of Documents AM1 and AR1; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Copies of documents AM1 and AR1 are provided.

A copy of document AL1 was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in an IDS that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c) in Application No. 10/260,225, filed September 30, 2002, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, a copy of this document is not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Copies of documents AA1 to AD5 are not provided in accordance with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office pre-OG notice of July 11, 2003, which states "[t]he Office hereby waives the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003."

The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/260,225, Bytnar, S.C., filed September 30, 2002 and submitted herewith as document AD5, and co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/236,043, filed September 5, 2002 and submitted herewith as AG4, which are directed to related technical subject matter.

The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to this application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

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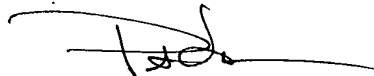
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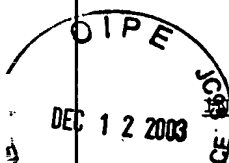
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